

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 10033

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, PEPR, SO, GW  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SIAD VISIT TO FRG

REF: MOGADISCIO 1200

1. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS CONFIRM REFTEL REPORT THAT THE GERMANS ARE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF A MID-JUNE VISIT BY PRESIDENT SIAD. WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS BELIEVE FRG RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH ON THE FRONT BURNER IN RECENT MONTHS AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO DEFER THE VISIT. WHILE NOT ADVOCATING THE DIMINUTION OF THE FRG-SOMALIA RELATIONSHIP, THEY SEE A NEED FOR A MORE BALANCED APPROACH TO THE HORN. THESE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE FRG SHOULD GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO ITS RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA OR AT LEAST NOT EXACERBATE THE SITUATION BY OVER EMPHASIZING BONN'S TIES TO SOMALIA. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FRG CONTINUES TO OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO SIAD. HENCE, A DECISION ON THE VISIT HAS SOME DOMESTIC  
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POLITICAL CONTENT AND WILL BE MADE AT A SENIOR LEVEL. A DEFINITE DECISION IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK. SHOULD IT BE NEGATIVE, THE FRG WILL PLEAD SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES.

2. OUR CONTACTS HERE BELIEVE SIAD WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO PRESS THE FRG FOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASSISTANCE THAN MILITARY AIDE. THEY REASON THAT THE GERMANS, IN-

CLUDING SCHMIDT, HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT ARMS ARE OUT OF  
THE QUESTION AND THEY QUESTION WHETHER SIAD WOULD AGAIN  
WISH TO BE REBUFFED.  
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